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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Geographic and Cartographic Research

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SUBJECT : Briefing of the Geography and Geography Club of Herbert Lehman College, Bronx, New York.

1. Purpose of Travel

STATINTL A discussion of cartographic and geographic opportunities and skills at CIA was requested by the Geography and Geology Club of Herbert Lehman College, Bronx, New York. Mr. [REDACTED] (NPIC) and myself were selected to answer this request.

STATINTL 2. Activities and Findings

STATINTL [REDACTED] and I arrived at Lehman College at 1130 hours on 27 April 1977. After a short look at the campus, we had an interesting discussion with Professors Shaw, Bergman, and Gustafson. After lunch, Professor Gustafson also gave us a look at the facilities and at the class activities in progress. The program at Lehman seemed quite adequate but was obviously hampered by lack of funds. The money issue was of prime concern for both students and faculty.

STATINTL The club meeting commenced at 1500 hours. [REDACTED] and I gave presentations lasting approximately 25-30 minutes apiece. The meeting was opened to questions until 1700 hours, at which time we adjourned to an informal session of refreshments and questions until 1800 hours.

The tone of both the formal and informal sessions was agreeable on both sides. The students and professors were aware that there were questions we could not answer. Thus, they did not get upset when this happened.

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Of the questions asked, the following are examples of the concerns and interests of the students:

- a) employment opportunities
- b) freedom of information as regards to their ability to request factual data of an unclassified nature
- c) whether the U.S. has more advanced systems, both aircraft and satellite
- d) can lasers blind satellites
- e) the recent oil and gas report
- f) where to obtain the map material taken along as samples of CIA products printed by GPO
- g) technical capabilities of the Cartography Division
- h) LANDSAT and where to obtain its products

3. Commitments

None

4. Problems

None

5. Conclusions and Recommendations

The students and faculty remarked several times during the course of the day, that they were very appreciative of the CIA for sending us up to them. In a follow-up telephone call on 29 April 1977, Dr. Bergman confirmed that the students were very favorably impressed and indeed had had their impression of the Agency changed for the better; previously being afraid to contact us for fear they would be on file. They now consider the Agency in more humane terms.

Trips of this kind do have a beneficial effect for both parties; the college by gaining an understanding of the Agency and its opportunities; and the Agency by improving the image young people have of us. Thus from the point of view of this participant, trips of this kind should definitely continue.

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